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Applicant : James V. Luciani  
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Title : Method for Improving Signal Efficiency and Performing Service  
Load Balancing in a Connection Oriented Network

Docket No. : 082771.P259  
Customer No. : 8791

Commissioner for Patents  
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of May 3, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.

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